

named the Big Ten Coach of the Year and the National Wrestling Coaches Association's Coach of the Year in 2008. Coach Brands is a former gold medalist and made four straight U.S. World or Olympic teams.

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He started as head coach with the University of Iowa's wrestling team in 2006 and has been leading the team to excellence since then. The 2009 wrestling season marked the Hawkeye wrestling team's most recent series of achievements. After a successful season, the Hawkeye team was proud to have nine of their athletes qualify for the Division I championships, and with a final score of 96.5, the Hawkeyes were in first place as the national champions.

I am honored to stand in this House today to congratulate and recognize the significant achievements of the players, coaches, and students whose dedication and hard work have led to the success of the University of Iowa Hawkeye wrestling program, as well as the 2009 Division I National Wrestling Championship.

As usual, there is always some kind of personal tie that comes to these types of resolutions. Again, I have people I have known from Utah who have specifically gone to this school, to this program, not just for the quality of the wrestling program it has, but for the quality of the education the institution provides. The State of Iowa should indeed be very proud of this particular institution.

I ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I have no other speakers for this particular resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to support the resolution congratulating the University of Iowa Hawkeye's wrestling team for their victory in the 2009 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championship tournament.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. PIERLUISI) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 368, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

CONGRATULATING SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the

resolution (H. Res. 562) congratulating Syracuse University for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 562

Whereas, on May 25, 2009, the Syracuse University Orange defeated the Cornell Big Red 10-9 in overtime, in the finals of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament in Foxboro, Massachusetts;

Whereas the Orange now hold 11 men's lacrosse national titles, the most in NCAA History;

Whereas Orange head coach John Desko won his fifth NCAA title;

Whereas the Orange players, coaches, and staff are excellent representatives of Syracuse University;

Whereas the Orange showed tremendous spirit in the championship game, coming back from what appeared to be an insurmountable three-goal deficit with less than four minutes to go, only to win the game in overtime; and

Whereas the residents of Syracuse and fans are to be congratulated for their support, dedication, and pride in the team: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates Syracuse University for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. PIERLUISI) and the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Puerto Rico.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on House Resolution 562 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Puerto Rico?

There was no objection.

Mr. PIERLUISI. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Syracuse University men's lacrosse team for their victory in the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament.

On May 25, 2009, the Syracuse Orange men's lacrosse team celebrated their NCAA Division I championship title after a close 10-9 victory over the Cornell Big Red. This victory marks the 11th national championship for the Orange in lacrosse, the most in NCAA history. This is the second consecutive year that the Syracuse men's lacrosse team has successfully won this title. In addition, this win capped a season for the Orange that saw the team tie the NCAA record for the best 1-year win-loss improvement.

The game that secured the Orange's victory was especially exciting. Down

three goals with four minutes to play and the ball in Cornell's possession, Syracuse staged an unlikely comeback. Scoring the definitive goal in sudden death overtime made for an exhilarating and especially exciting win for the team, showcasing their focus under pressure and excellent teamwork.

I congratulate John Desko on his fourth national title as coach of the Orange. In his 11 years as head coach at Syracuse, he has led the Orange to seven NCAA final appearances and nine Final Fours. Coach Desko serves as a wonderful mentor to his players both on and off the field.

I want to recognize the Syracuse Orange for their incredible season, characterized by tenacity, talent, and leadership. I am certain that this team will carry this momentum into next season.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I congratulate Syracuse University men's lacrosse team on their 2009 Division I NCAA championship title.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 562, congratulating Syracuse University for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament.

It is estimated that lacrosse may have developed as early as the 12th century. It originated among Native American tribes in North America. In 1637, the game was first named lacrosse. The game underwent many modernizations during the 19th century, and the first intercollegiate lacrosse game was played in 1877. By the early 1900s, students across North America were participating in the sport in high schools, colleges, and universities.

Syracuse University was founded in 1870. Today, the university serves over 19,000 full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students. Syracuse University offers degrees in over 20 majors from 10 different schools and colleges. Syracuse Orange has 12 women's intercollegiate athletic teams and 8 men's intercollegiate athletic teams.

SU has 27 team national championships, including 11 men's lacrosse NCAA national championships. Syracuse University's men's lacrosse team added an 11th NCAA championship to their record this year. That is the most NCAA national lacrosse championships ever won by a single team.

Syracuse's team was coached by John Desko. In the final championship game, SU won against Cornell University in overtime in a thrilling game that ended 10-9. Junior Cody Jamieson scored the winning point 1 minute 20 seconds into the extra session.

It is truly an honor to stand before the House today to congratulate Syracuse University for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament. I extend my congratulations to Syracuse University, the players, the coaches, and the students. I wish all involved

continued success and ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PIERLUISI. I ask my colleagues to support the resolution congratulating the Syracuse University men's lacrosse team for their victory in the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. PIERLUISI) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 562.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

CONGRATULATING NORTH- WESTERN UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 824) congratulating the Northwestern University Wildcats on winning the 2009 NCAA women's lacrosse championship, and to commend Northwestern University for its pursuit of athletic and academic excellence.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 824

Whereas the Northwestern women's lacrosse team serves as important role models to young athletes, demonstrating excellence on the athletic field and in the classroom;

Whereas Northwestern defeated North Carolina 21-7 to win the national championship on May 24, 2009;

Whereas Northwestern finished the season with a 23-0 record to win their fifth straight national championship; and

Whereas senior Hannah Nielsen won the Tewaaraton Trophy, given to the Nation's top player, and played a vital role in helping Northwestern to a 23-0 record in 2009, finishing her distinguished career as the Wildcats' all-time leader in points (398) after becoming the NCAA Division I all-time assist leader with 224; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates Northwestern University and its athletes, coaches, faculty, students, administration, and alumni on the winning of the 2009 NCAA women's lacrosse championship;

(2) recognizes and commends Northwestern University for its pursuit of athletic as well as academic excellence; and

(3) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to Northwestern University President Henry S. Bienen, Athletic Director James Phillips, and Head Coach Kelly Amonte Hiller for appropriate display.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. PIERLUISI) and the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Puerto Rico.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on House Resolution 824 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Puerto Rico?

There was no objection.

Mr. PIERLUISI. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 824, which recognizes and congratulates the Northwestern University Wildcats for winning the 2009 NCAA Women's Lacrosse Championship and for pursuing athletic and academic excellence.

The Wildcats posted a 23-0 regular season record and broke NCAA records both for total points and total goals in a season. The team applied the lessons learned during their undefeated year and displayed their outstanding athletic skills and cohesive team strategy in post-season play, trailing only once during the entire tournament.

On May 24, 2009, the University of North Carolina Tar Heels cut the Northwestern Wildcat's lead to two goals midway through the first half of the championship game. Northwestern responded with 10 consecutive goals to win its fifth straight NCAA championship in women's Division I lacrosse. The team's 21-7 victory over the Tar Heels set the record for goals scored in the title game.

Special congratulations are due to Coach Kelly Amonte Hiller, who now boasts a 20-1 record in the NCAA tournament. Amonte Hiller took over a program that had club status, and not only brought the team to official collegiate standings, but amassed five national championships and six conference titles in just eight seasons. The seniors on this team had one of the most successful collegiate athletic careers.

Recognition also should be given to senior Hannah Nielsen, who won the Tewaaraton Trophy for the second year in a row. This award is given to the Nation's top lacrosse player by the Tewaaraton Foundation.

Northwestern University succeeds not only on lacrosse fields, but in its classrooms as well. It ranks 12th in the 2010 national university rankings issued by U.S. News & World Report and boasts a 92.5 percent graduation rate, an amazing statistic for any university.

In addition to over 70 established majors, Northwestern University empowers students to choose or design non-traditional concentrations and offers a wide range of field experiences and internships. It is an institute of higher

learning from which its graduates, including its athletes, go on to accomplish great things and make important contributions to our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, once again I congratulate the Northwestern University women's lacrosse team on its 2009 Division I NCAA championship title. I wish the program much success in the 2010 season.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 824, congratulating the Northwestern University Wildcats on winning the 2009 NCAA Women's Lacrosse Championship and to commend Northwestern University for its pursuit of athletic and academic excellence. As a graduate of Northwestern University School of Law myself, I am especially proud to join in honoring these talented women and the school they represent.

On May 24, 2009, the Northwestern University women's lacrosse team, the Wildcats, capped a perfect 2009 season by routing third ranked North Carolina 21-7 to capture its fifth straight national championship, finishing the year 23-0.

The Wildcats continued to etch its place as one of the top programs in the history of the sport, becoming just the second team to win five consecutive national titles. They are just two shy of Maryland's seven straight wins from 1995 to 2001, and the victory over the Tar Heels, 16-5, was Head Coach Kelly Amonte Hiller's 20th consecutive tournament victory.

At Northwestern University, these dynamic women demonstrate excellence on the athletic field as well as in the classroom. Founded in 1854, Northwestern University combines innovative teaching and pioneering research in a highly collaborative environment that transcends traditional academic boundaries. It provides students and faculty exceptional opportunities for intellectual, personal, and professional growth.

Northwestern is recognized both nationally and internationally for the quality of its educational programs at all levels. U.S. News & World Report consistently ranks the university's undergraduate and graduate programs among the best in the country. The Northwestern women's lacrosse team serves as an important role model to young athletes.

Congratulations to Northwestern University's president, Morton Schapiro; athletic director, James Phillips; head coach, Kelly Amonte Hiller; senior, Hannah Nielsen, who won the Tewaaraton Trophy given to the Nation's top player; the entire Wildcat team; the faculty, staff, and Northwestern students on this victory.

Today, we recognize and commend Northwestern University for its pursuit of athletic as well as academic excellence. I urge my colleagues to support House Resolution 824.